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# FREEMAN FRITTS

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Clinic Hours: Monday - Friday, 7:30 - 12:00 and 1 - 5:30

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Or by appointment



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♥♥♥ **Happy Valentine's Day! Love your fur babies!** ♥♥♥

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## REMINDER!!! Paws by the River: A Day for You, your dog, other doggies - benefiting local dog rescue shelters!

Join us for a fun and active morning while you participate in healthy activities for both you and your dog. This special day will begin with a dog walk on the newly finished Kerrville River Trail at the Dietert Center, then you will have the opportunity to either participate or just watch and enjoy a mini agility course, a talent show, a costume contest and finish the morning with a Dancing Dogs Performance. Throughout the morning we will have individuals from Freeman Fritts Animal Shelter, Ralph's Ranch Dog Rescue, Cailloux Humane Society, VA Dogs of Texas and many more. You will learn and have fun with this exciting event and help support many of the local shelters and Dietert Center all at the time. Everything listed above is included in your registration! Thanks to the Hill Country Camera Club, you will also have the opportunity to have a photo taken of your dog (and even you) for an additional \$10!

Reminder: ALL participants must provide proof of shots for all dogs. Dogs must be on a standard 6 ft. leash at all times (retractable leashes are not allowed!). A few leashes will be available for sale if you need one. Once registered you will be notified by one of the committee members to sign you up for the events you are interested in participating in.

Go to ClubEd website - [Registration Here \(clubed.net\)](http://www.clubed.net) or call [830-792-4044](tel:830-792-4044). Rain date is Saturday, March 30th. Email for more information: [pawsbytheriver2019@gmail.com](mailto:pawsbytheriver2019@gmail.com)

**Register for Paws by the River and take him or her walking, try out agility, and enter costume or talent contests! Or both of you can just enjoy the entertainment together on a nice spring morning!**

**MARCH 23, 2019 @ Dietert Center**

**\$20 per person for the day!**

**PAWS BY THE RIVER**


8:00 am - Begin sign-in for Dog Walk on the Kerrville River Trail at Dietert  
 9:00 am - Dog Agility - Let someone show you and your dog what agility is all about  
 10:00 am - Talent Contest  
 10:30 am - Costume Contest  
 11:00 am - Dancing Dogs Performance

**All Day - Photo Booth \$10 per Photo (Digital only-printing will be extra) Family portrait or just your pet!**

Go to [www.clubed.net](http://www.clubed.net) or call 830-792-4044 for registration, requirements and more details

Proceeds will help Ralph's Ranch Dog Rescue, Freeman Fritts Animal Shelter and Dietert Center

Love dogs but don't own one? That's o.k.! We will have stuffed friends for you to take on the walk.


## Marley, Sweet, Marley! ♥♥♥

Our sweet Marley is still searching for her forever home! Marley has been waiting for 7 years for her own home! That may not seem like a lot to you but that feels like 47 dog years to Marley. That's 17,155 days to a dog. Why has no one come for her? She's perfect!

Marley is a happy, fun-loving Spaniel mix who just simply loves attention. Marley will make a perfect companion! AND, to top it off, she love, love, loves kids! Loves people! She just loves everyone!

Marley is 11 years old and this sweet senior girl would love nothing more than to have a home of her own! Being a senior dog she has years of experience in the fine art of friendship.



Marley also has a huge fan club here, who all describe her as a 'big mush ball of love.'

Marley needs a feline-free environment, but she does get along with most dogs. All humans of all ages are her best friends. She's never met a person she does not like! While she does have allergies, her condition is easily managed by diet and a monthly allergy shot; however, Marley's main requirement is an experienced belly-rubber!

If you have the skills and experience required to care for and love on Marley, please contact us! Marley is one special girl, and she deserves the best!!! ♥♥♥



## Pooch of the Month – Meet Taffy! 🐕



Hey, there! I'm Taffy! A ruggedly handsome and very loyal boy! I'm a terrier mix about 2 years old, just a young man with a **lot** of stories to tell, some not so good. Like what happened before I got here. But honestly, I care more about what happens next. Will I finally get that grasshopper I am always hunting, or what will my Kong toy be filled with today - peanut butter or cheese?! And most importantly: will today be the day someone takes me home! Stop by and meet me, you won't be disappointed! I could be your PERFECT POOCHIE-POO MATCH! ♥



## Purr of the Month – Meet Bella! 🐱



Are you looking for a lovebug? We have just the girl for you! Meet Bella! Bella was bottle raised which makes her so incredibly sweet! She is just a little over a year old now, and she has basically grown up here. Bella deserves to have her very own people! And what person wouldn't want all this love that she has to give?! Bella is a gorgeous gray tabby with THE BEST personality! Need a lap kitty or kitty masseuse, she is an expert biscuit maker! Bella could be YOUR PURRFECT KITTU-KAT MATCH! ♥



*Photo by S J Derby*

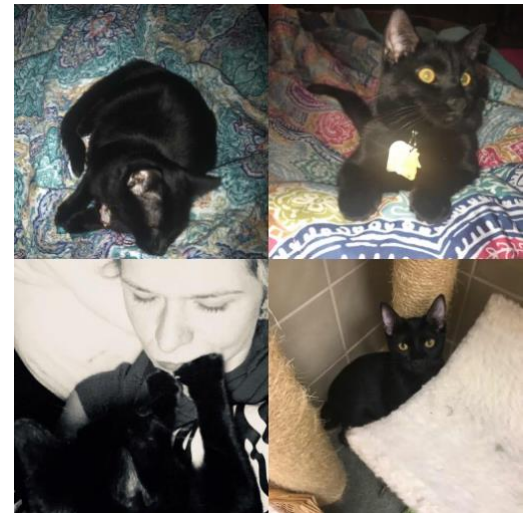
## Happy Tails Adoption Update #1: Jaybird and Mr. Whiskers (Mezcal):

In October 2018, Jaybird and Mr. Whiskers joined our family. We only expected to add one kitty to our household but ultimately decided on two - I didn't want my new baby to get lonely during the day. The first few days they were very scared and didn't do much but eat and hide. After 4 days Jaybird warmed up, and soon became my baby. He sleeps with me daily, and greets me at the door when I get home. Sometime he sleeps on my husband's back, we have decided that he thinks his snoring is purring!

Mr. Whiskers has taken a liking to my daughter. She's 3 and he's her baby. It is crazy how they pick their favorites. He sleeps on her feet and protects her at night. She calls him and he comes running. They are so gentle and loving with her.

I'm so glad we took home two babies. They cuddle in a very small cat bed, although they both have their own, they would rather sleep together. They also get a little crazy and chase each other from one end of the house to the other... knocking over anything in their way. I can't help but laugh as they chase each other with toys in their mouths! I'm so blessed to have these babies. We really do love our beautiful black cats. If only my husband would let me I'd have 4 more. Ha!

Black cats are also considered good luck in Britain and Japan. I'm not sure if that's true but they sure do bring us lots of joy and love!



Since October, Jaybird (who came from a litter at a local gas station) has doubled in size. We call him Fatboy, but all with love and affection! Mr. Whiskers is a smaller cat, but he has put on a little extra "fluff" himself! Just a little more of them to love, and both are happy and healthy as can be!

Side note: Jaybird is asleep on my chest as I write this... thank you for saving these precious kitties. They are now my babies and are loved very, very much!!!

## Happy Tails Adoption Update #2: Max and Milo!

*Bottle raised by one of our kennel staff, Max and Milo were rescued from the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey in 2017.*

Max and Milo are truly spoiled-rotten fur babies, but we don't mind spoiling them! Milo has officially adopted our daughter, Riott, as his baby (she's one year), and from the moment we brought them home Milo would run to Riott every time she would cry. Now every single night he comes to check on her. Max is very shy, but he is also quite vocal, and loves to let it be known when it's time to wake up. Milo loves to take off his collar and hide it. They both love to jump in the showers and the bath. All their crazy antics and such aside, we couldn't be happier to have them as part of our family!



**Have you adopted a cat or dog from us? Tell us your pet's story! Your submission could become part of our Happy Tails**, a compilation of inspiring stories that will encourage others to adopt, or even share lessons-learned in your search for your perfect rescue! We will also share your story with the agency from which you adopted - so you needn't limit your story to Freeman-Fritts adoptions. Any adoption is a good one! Please send your story, along with pictures and/or videos to [freemanfritts@yahoo.com](mailto:freemanfritts@yahoo.com), or post them directly on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/freemanfritts](http://www.facebook.com/freemanfritts).

## Regular Reminders!

### REMINDER!!! Freeman-Fritts Spay and Neuter Grant Program!



Due to the generosity of a kind donor, the Freeman-Fritts Vet Clinic has a limited dog and cat spay/neuter fund available. This fund allows us to offer FREE spay/neuter surgeries (including Rabies Vaccination) for your cat or dog. Call for an appointment 830-257-4144. Some restrictions may apply. *Note: Any thank you notes received are forwarded to our donor.*

### Support Our Shelter While Shopping

Don't forget that you can support our shelter when shopping at Amazon. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com>, which offers the same selections and prices, and designate **Animal Welfare Society of Kerr County Texas** as your charity of choice. Amazon will donate a portion of the proceeds to our shelter.

### Important Surgery Reminders

- If you are unable to keep your surgery appointment, please call to cancel as soon as possible. This will give us an opportunity to schedule another client.
- NO FOOD after your pet's evening meal, preferably no later than 6 p.m. Water is acceptable.
- Please have your pet on a leash or in a carrier.

## Want to Volunteer?

Want to help the animals? Have a few hours to spare and share? If you think you can offer a few hours once a week, once a month, or even once a year, please come in and fill out a volunteer application (the application is also available on our website). We'll take all the help we can get!

- Socialize the dogs and cats
- Help at off-site adoption or fund-raising events
- Maintain building and grounds
- Do you have any special skills or talents that might help us in other ways? Let us know!



## As always, the gifts that keep on giving!

### Cat & Dog Necessities

- Puppy Pee Pads
- TidyCats – Scoop – for Multiple Cats
- TidyCats – Non-Clumping
- Baby Food (Gerber Stage 2 Chicken)
- Meow Mix, Fancy Feast Dry & Canned (Pate)
- Friskies Canned – Pate
- Pupperoni
- Dog & Cat Beds, Baby Blankets, flannel throw blankets
- Large Cat Trees & scratching posts
- Break-away Cat Collars (both cat & kitten sizes)
- Dog collars & leashes (small & medium preferred)
- Cat Toys, Dog & Puppy Toys (ropes, stuffed toys, and Kongs)

### Cleaning Items

- Dawn Dish Soap
- Clorox Bleach
- Clorox Wipes
- Fabuloso (Citrus & Fruits, Ocean Paradise)
- Paper Towels
- Bath towel – gently used
- Bath mats – gently used



**We are LOVED!!!** ♥♥♥

**We've Been Adopted!!**

### Doggie-Poos Kitty-Kats

Nelson	Dahlia
Dollar	Dean
Babi	Ellen
Chica	Sam
Leo	Jay
Savvy	Johnny
Pancake	Mavis
Ana	♥♥♥♥
Winnie	♥♥♥♥
Willie	♥♥♥♥

## FIVE PET SAFETY TIPS FOR Valentine's Day

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While you spend the holiday with your sweetheart, make sure your other love—your pet!—is safe.

### 1.

Hide that heart-shaped box of chocolates! Because it contains caffeine and theobromine, chocolate can cause vomiting, diarrhea, seizures and even death when pets ingest it.

### 2.

Pets love stuffed toys, so make sure the big teddy bear you receive from your love doesn't have any small parts—like plastic eyes or noses—that pets could remove and swallow.

### 3.

If you live with cats, don't bring home any lilies! Lilies contain a toxin that causes rapid kidney failure in cats. Also, those long-stemmed roses may look romantic, but their thorns can scratch nosy paws and faces, so it's best to keep all vases up high.

### 4.

Alcohol can cause blood sugar and blood pressure to drop to dangerously low levels. Keep wine glasses and beer bottles out of reach at all times.

### 5.

Don't leave candles burning unattended around your pets. Not only can candles singe tails, pets can also easily knock them over and cause even bigger fiery problems.

